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Rowdy 'protesters' hurl water balloons, test 62nd SFS response

By
Tyler Hemstreet
Staff writer

The yells and taunts of the protesters were so loud they drowned out the orders an Airman from the 62nd Security Forces Squadron was giving through a megaphone.

The noise came from a group of 25 volunteers who gathered June 14 in a field adjacent to Bldg. 1305 to participate in the 62nd SFS annual civil-disturbance training.

The training is a vital tool that helps Airmen learn how to safely manage protesters, said Tech. Sgt. Rebecca Losee, 62nd SFS.

"The hands-on experience always helps our guys train," Sergeant Losee said. "The more realistic the experience is, the more effective the training can be."

Clutching cardboard signs and hurling water balloons instead of rocks and bottles, the volunteers screamed, taunted and even charged the civil-disturbance team. It was all part of the exercise.

The 62nd SFS Airmen dressed in their civil-disturbance gear banded together to fend off the aerial assault, remained steadfast despite the taunts and even fought off an Airman dressed in protective padding trying to penetrate the line.

The apprehension team positioned behind the line also got practice, gently wrestling protesters to the ground and carting them off.

"It was a really positive experience," said Staff Sgt. Mike Landen, 62nd SFS, who participated in the exercise for the first time. "It was great to have some action in the training. We were able to hold [the protesters] off on the front line."

The exercise also tested each security forces Airman's ability to deal with protesters on an



Staff Sgt. Joseph Pinkham, 62nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, dressed in protective gear, antagonizes a group of security forces Airmen while role-playing as one of 25 angry protesters during a civil-disturbance training session on base, June 14.

up-close-and-personal basis.

"We have to be objective when we're in a situation like that," he said. "We can't take any of [the taunts or insults] personally."

K-9 officer Staff Sgt. Melissa Szczerbiak, 62nd SFS, was positioned behind the apprehension team observing the action with her dog. It was the first time either participated in an exercise like that.

"It was good training for me to see what the dog's reaction in this kind of situation is," Sergeant Szczerbiak said.

In a real-life situation, Sergeant Szczerbiak's role is to intervene and aid the apprehension team if things get out of hand, she said.

Even the rowdy protester in the padded suit, played by Staff Sgt. Joseph Pinkham, 62nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, approved of the 62nd SFS team's performance.

"I was pushing very hard to get through that line," Sergeant Pinkham said. "They were keeping me off-balance, just like they're supposed to do. They have a good team."

Master, technical sergeant promotion rates announced

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The Air Force selected 6,002 of 24,115 eligible technical sergeants for promotion to master sergeant, and 7,314 of 39,797 eligible staff sergeants for promotion to technical sergeant.

The master sergeant selection rate, 24.89 percent, rose 5.03 percent from last year, while this year's technical sergeant rate, 18.38 percent, rose 1.62 percent.

"The promotion quota was significantly higher this year, which directly relates to the increased promotion percentage," said Chief

Master Sgt. Rusty Nicholson, enlisted promotion branch chief at the Air Force Personnel Center here. "A smaller eligibility pool, coupled with increased promotion quota allows the opportunity to promote more enlisted Airmen."

The average master sergeant selectee score for the 07E7 master sergeant test cycle was 339.07 points, based on the following:

- 134.42 Enlisted Performance Reports
- 62.57 Promotion Fitness Exam
- 61.83 Specialty Knowledge Test

- 32.13 Time in Grade
- 35.46 Time in Service
- 12.09 Decorations

The average master sergeant selectee has 4.27 years time in grade and 17.02 years in service. Those selected will be promoted to master sergeant from August to July 2008.

The average technical sergeant selectee score for the 07E6 technical sergeant test cycle was 317.17 points, based on the following:

- 133.30 Enlisted Performance Reports
- 60.86 Promotion Fitness Exam

- 53.90 Specialty Knowledge Test
- 37.98 Time in Grade
- 24.08 Time in Service
- 5.40 Decorations

The average technical sergeant selectee has 5.25 years time in grade and 10.91 years in service. Those selected will be promoted to technical sergeant from August to July 2008.

See Page 6 for a complete list of McChord technical sergeant and master sergeant selectees. (Article courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center News Service.)

Weekend Weather

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Hi: 68 Low: 48	Hi: 66 Low: 46	Hi: 68 Low: 48

Forecast generated at 7 a.m. Thursday
Courtesy of the 62nd Operations Support Squadron

Mission accomplished

Total McChord sorties	8,379
Total flying hours	28,807.9
Cargo moved (tons)	63,071.9
Departure reliability rate	94.6%
Mission capable rate	83.9%
Personnel currently deployed	706
Reservists currently activated.....	220
(Jan. 1 to Tuesday. Numbers updated Tuesday.)	

Don't miss it ... Promotion celebration

There will be a promotion celebration for all newly-selected technical and master sergeants from 4 to 6 p.m. today at McChord's Clubs and Community Center.

Promotions

More than just stitching on new rank

By

Col. Jerry Martinez
62nd Airlift Wing commander

We received great news last Thursday when the Air Force released the master and technical sergeant promotion results. Nearly 150 McChord Airmen were selected to serve in a higher grade after demonstrating sustained superior performance amongst their peers. I'm proud to announce that we have 74 selected for technical sergeant and 71 for master sergeant. (See the full list of McChord promotees on Page 6.)

Being promoted is a tremendous achievement and was earned through perseverance and hard work for our Air Force. But let's not forget that being promoted requires much more than just sewing an extra stripe on your sleeve. Every officer and noncommissioned officer will now expect more from our promotees. More leadership in and out of the work centers. More commitment to our Air Force core values both on and off the job. And finally, being promoted often means spending more time in the office taking care of people.

With each promotion, especially to technical and master sergeant, our promotees continue to inch away from the nuts and bolts of the job. Instead of turning a wrench or processing a travel claim, those promoted often migrate to enhanced leadership positions, ensuring

those within their organizations have the skills and stamina to perform the mission. For some, this is a challenging transition because they've dedicated their careers to becoming technical experts in their chosen field.

I ask our promotees to embrace their new responsibilities because we need strong leaders at every level to achieve mission success — from getting our jets airborne to paying our people accurately and on time. Those things don't happen without strong NCOs enabling the mission by ensuring their Airmen are ready to tackle any task.

With every promotion announcement we have many deserving folks who barely miss the mark. For those who didn't make it this time, don't be discouraged. Use the skills learned to help prepare for your next testing cycle. Also, take heart in knowing that the accomplishments of your peers are a reflection of your own efforts, since each of us is able to excel because of the full efforts of the team.

To pay tribute to the Airmen recognized in this paper, please join me and Chief Kuck for a promotion celebration today at McChord's Clubs and Community Center. This is also an opportunity for our promotees to thank their fellow Airmen for the support and encouragement that facilitated their promotion. We'll see you there!

Again, congrats to our promotees. I'm proud to serve with each of you!

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Everyone should get into deployment rhythm



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Chief Master Sgt. Russell Kuck
62nd Airlift Wing
command chief master sergeant

This month we're welcoming home Airmen from their air and space expeditionary force five and six rotations, just about finished sending out the AEF seven and eight deployers and have a group of people almost in their training window for AEF nine and 10.

While this may just seem like a hectic time of year, I guarantee that it's not an anomaly — this is our deployment battle rhythm.

Throughout the wing, we can expect to always have large numbers of Airmen deployed, as well as many Airmen preparing to leave and return home. We can no longer disregard this pattern. If supervisors haven't done so already, it's time to put the necessary procedures and programs in place to ensure we're taking care of our battlefield Airmen.

I encourage every supervisor to build an excellent combat training program, establish measures to maintain contact with deployed members and their families and create a reintegration plan that goes beyond simply signing a member back in.

By ensuring our programs follow our Airmen from the start to the finish of their AEF rotations, we create well-trained deployers who can stay mission focused knowing their families are taken care of. If we fail during any one of these steps, we put Airmen's lives and families at risk.

Gen. George Patton once said, “Accept the challenges so that you can feel the exhilaration of victory.”

Our deployment battle rhythm definitely creates challenges for those leaving, as well as those staying behind. By embracing our ops tempo and doing our best to prepare our Airmen for the challenges of a deployed environment, we can be proud each time an Airmen gears up, deploys and safely returns. Hooah!

Effectively carry Air Force's message into local community

By

Lt. Col. Norbert Motz
361st Recruiting Squadron commander

In his “Letter to Airmen: Every Airman an Ambassador,” Secretary of the Air Force Michael Wynne urged each of us to carry the message of the Air Force to the communities in which we live.

He encouraged us to engage our local leaders and neighbors with personal stories of service and to share the unique capabilities the Air Force brings to the fight.

No problem, task accepted. But, there is a significant challenge involved ... speaking in public.

Interestingly, some statistics say we are more scared of speaking in public than of death. If you find yourself in this category, here are a few things to remember when speaking in public. Some of them may seem like no-brainers, but many forget the simple rules:

- Be yourself. Don't try to be someone you aren't. The audience will see through it.
- Don't try to cover too much information. You only need two or three main points.
- Be humble. No one likes a braggart except the braggart themselves.
- You do not have to be perfect in your delivery. Your audience

wants you to succeed and will overlook minor flaws.

- Preparation can prevent panic, but don't over prepare. Trust in your own ability.
- Don't believe that public speaking is inherently stressful. This is a self-fulfilling prophesy.
- Humor is a great tool, but make sure it is appropriate.
- Speak clearly, adjusting your voice so that everyone can hear you. If you have a microphone, don't fiddle with it.
- Take your time. It is a natural tendency to speak rapidly when nervous.
- Make eye contact to build trust with your listeners.

- Use hand gestures effectively, but do not fidget or put your hands in your pockets.

This isn't an all inclusive list, but it may help you if called upon to speak to a group of fellow citizens about your Air Force experiences.

You probably don't want to hear this, but public speaking only gets easier the more you do it.

I sincerely hope you get the chance to demonstrate through your own words how important the Air Force is to you and our country. For as Secretary Wynne stated, “Our Air Force is unequalled in its ability ... for one reason: the passion, talents and ingenuity of you, our matchless Airmen!”

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Pierce Transit expands bus route on base

Pierce Transit has made things easier for people here looking to save gas money and avoid traffic by using public transportation.

Bus service to McChord has been expanded and now offers service to the base’s passenger terminal.

The 300A bus now makes 11 weekday stops at the passenger terminal. The first bus arrives at the terminal at 7:47 a.m., and the last bus leaves the terminal at 5:52 p.m. There are six scheduled stops at the terminal on Saturday. There is no service on Sunday.

Previously, the bus only took McChord-bound passengers as far as the base exchange/commissary area.

The bus will continue to make 14 daily stops at the commissary and base exchange.

(Article by 62nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs staff.)

Correction: In our June 15 edition story “Homeland defense exercise wraps up,” we erroneously stated that the aircrew participating in the exercise flew on a Washington Air National Guard aircraft. The crew was actually flown by an aircraft from the Mississippi ANG. We regret the error.



Welcome to McChord

(Left) Col. Jerry Martinez, left, 62nd Airlift Wing commander, passes command of the 62nd Operations Group to Col. Joe Wiley, the new 62nd OG commander, during a change-of-command ceremony June 15 in Hangar 1.

(Below) A McChord Airman congratulates Colonel Wiley following the 62nd OG change-of-command ceremony.



McChord's Airmen

AROUND THE WORLD



Photo by Teresa Sullivan

AFGHANISTAN — Tech. Sgt. Jonathon Welsh, a communication navigation mission systems specialist, loads a Joint Precision Airdrop System onto a C-17 Globemaster III prior to an airdrop mission, June 12. Sergeant Welsh is deployed from the 62nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.



Courtesy photo

IRAQ — From left, Senior Airman Chris Dungca and Airman 1st Class Shawn Manriquez raise the base flag while Master Sgt. Jeff Byrd salutes at a forward operating base recently. All three Airmen are deployed from the 62nd Aerial Port Squadron.



Congrats to McChord’s new promotees



The following Airmen from McChord were recently selected for promotion to master sergeant:

- **Tech. Sgt. James Davis**, 1st Air Support Operations Group
- **Tech. Sgt. Thomas Prochazka**, 1st Weather Squadron
- **Tech. Sgt. Ronnie Fleming**, 5th Air Support Operations Squadron
- **Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Midguard**, 5th ASOS
- **Tech. Sgt. Miguel Casso**, 7th Airlift Squadron
- **Tech. Sgt. Ronny Morton**, 7th AS
- **Tech. Sgt. Marvin Mosley**, 7th AS
- **Tech. Sgt. Juan Lopez**, 8th Airlift Squadron
- **Tech. Sgt. Nathan Gershon**, 10th Airlift Squadron
- **Tech. Sgt. Natasha Sanford-Carr**, 10th AS
- **Tech. Sgt. Christopher DeCorte**, 10th Combat Weather Squadron, Detachment 1
- **Tech. Sgt. Bryan Nelson**, 22nd Special Tactics Squadron
- **Tech. Sgt. Jodi Williams**, 22nd STS
- **Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Brackett**, 62nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
- **Tech. Sgt. Ted Carlsen**, 62nd AMXS
- **Tech. Sgt. Steven John**, 62nd AMXS
- **Tech. Sgt. Christopher Kaech**, 62nd AMXS
- **Tech. Sgt. Shane Matt**, 62nd AMXS
- **Tech. Sgt. Michael Murray**, 62nd AMXS
- **Tech. Sgt. Tyrone Newton**, 62nd AMXS
- **Tech. Sgt. Lusero Rodriguez**, 62nd AMXS
- **Tech. Sgt. Daniel Barker**, 62nd Aerial Port Squadron
- **Tech. Sgt. Kevin Bogle**, 62nd APS
- **Tech. Sgt. Dean Siebert**, 62nd Airlift Wing
- **Tech. Sgt. Donald Crawford**, 62nd Contracting Squadron
- **Tech. Sgt. Roy Massey**, 62nd CONS
- **Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Rhoades**, 62nd Comptroller Squadron
- **Tech. Sgt. Keith Mason**, 62nd Communications Squadron
- **Tech. Sgt. Edward Atchley**, 62nd Logistics Readiness Squadron
- **Tech. Sgt. Patrick Barrett**, 62nd LRS

- **Tech. Sgt. Robert Burkhardt**, 62nd LRS
- **Tech. Sgt. Gregory Carrow**, 62nd LRS
- **Tech. Sgt. Thomas Heiry**, 62nd LRS
- **Tech. Sgt. Gregory Howell**, 62nd LRS
- **Tech. Sgt. Bernadette Olszewski**, 62nd LRS
- **Tech. Sgt. Jerry Smith**, 62nd LRS
- **Tech. Sgt. Tanya Grater**, 62nd Medical Operations Squadron
- **Tech. Sgt. Lonney Johnson**, 62nd MDOS
- **Tech. Sgt. Christopher Cordero**, 62nd Medical Support Squadron
- **Tech. Sgt. Tranquilino Cruz**, 62nd MDSS
- **Tech. Sgt. Charles Mapa**, 62nd Maintenance Operations Squadron
- **Tech. Sgt. Eric Peine**, 62nd MOS
- **Tech. Sgt. Antoine Culbreath**, 62nd Mission Support Squadron
- **Tech. Sgt. Kristi Wilson**, 62nd MSS
- **Tech. Sgt. Horace Greeley**, 62nd Maintenance Group
- **Tech. Sgt. Stefen Malchow**, 62nd MXG
- **Tech. Sgt. Christine Pitchford**, 62nd MXG
- **Tech. Sgt. David Cowell**, 62nd Maintenance Squadron
- **Tech. Sgt. Keith Parks**, 62nd MXS
- **Tech. Sgt. Richard Young**, 62nd MXS
- **Tech. Sgt. David Chambers**, 62nd Operations Support Squadron
- **Tech. Sgt. Shawn Child**, 62nd OSS
- **Tech. Sgt. Dale Gagnon**, 62nd OSS
- **Tech. Sgt. Felicia Shropshire**, 62nd OSS
- **Tech. Sgt. Steven Courson**, 62nd Security Forces Squadron
- **Tech. Sgt. Bruce McPherson**, 62nd SFS
- **Tech. Sgt. Michael Tenbusch**, 62nd SFS
- **Tech. Sgt. Mathew Weigel**, 62nd SFS
- **Tech. Sgt. Adam Hernandez**, 62nd Services Squadron
- **Tech. Sgt. Jason Pace**, 361st Recruiting Squadron
- **Tech. Sgt. John Roy**, 361st RS
- **Tech. Sgt. Napoleon Bain**, 361st RS
- **Tech. Sgt. Lori Brisson**, 361st RS
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- **Tech. Sgt. Heather Byington**, 361st RS
- **Tech. Sgt. John Longo**, 361st RS
- **Tech. Sgt. Steven Blackmore**, 373rd Training Squadron, Detachment 12
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- **Tech. Sgt. Brian Norton**, 605th Test and Evaluation Squadron, Detachment 1
- **Tech. Sgt. Laura Carrow**, Detachment 910, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, Northwest Region

The following Airmen from McChord were recently selected for promotion to technical sergeant:

- **Staff Sgt. Matthew Richmond**, 1st Air Support Operations Group
- **Staff Sgt. Bryan Harris**, 5th Air Support Operations Squadron
- **Staff Sgt. Nicholas Wise**, 5th ASOS
- **Staff Sgt. Jacquelynn Whiting**, 7th Airlift Squadron
- **Staff Sgt. Levy Menjivar-Sanchez**, 8th Airlift Squadron
- **Staff Sgt. Robin Miller**, 8th AS
- **Staff Sgt. Thomas Bond**, 10th Airlift Squadron
- **Staff Sgt. Jacob Lindsay**, 10th AS
- **Staff Sgt. John Cox**, 22nd Special Tactics Squadron
- **Staff Sgt. Kelvin Cull**, 22nd STS
- **Staff Sgt. David Mchugo**, 62nd Aerial Port Squadron
- **Staff Sgt. Glenn Bull**, 62nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
- **Staff Sgt. Brent Bush**, 62nd AMXS
- **Staff Sgt. Scott Davidson**, 62nd AMXS
- **Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Konicek**, 62nd AMXS
- **Staff Sgt. Scott Kyriss**, 62nd AMXS
- **Staff Sgt. Timothy Maycock**, 62nd AMXS
- **Staff Sgt. Travis Prodell**, 62nd AMXS
- **Staff Sgt. Vincent Rosales**, 62nd AMXS
- **Staff Sgt. Kevin Shell**, 62nd AMXS
- **Staff Sgt. Nicholas Thompson**, 62nd AMXS
- **Staff Sgt. Cesar Vargas**, 62nd AMXS
- **Staff Sgt. Robert Veitz**, 62nd AMXS
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- **Staff Sgt. Mark Minton**, 62nd MXS
- **Staff Sgt. Ryan Osterlund**, 62nd MXS
- **Staff Sgt. Nathan Pigza**, 62nd MXS
- **Staff Sgt. Eric Wiggins**, 62nd MXS
- **Staff Sgt. Nicholas Graham**, 62nd Medical Operations Squadron
- **Staff Sgt. Sean Hasty**, 62nd MDOS
- **Staff Sgt. Charleen Jones**, 62nd MDOS
- **Staff Sgt. Jason Mallillin**, 62nd MDOS
- **Staff Sgt. Herbert Kermick**, 62nd MDOS
- **Staff Sgt. Deborah May**, 62nd Medical Support Squadron
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Best-of-the-best from 62nd MXG work to wow Rodeo judges

By

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Editor’s note: This is the third in a four part series of articles highlighting McChord’s Rodeo 2007 competitors.

For months now, they’ve been devising their plan on just how to best awe their opponents.

The first step was to hunt for the most exceptional maintainers in the 62nd Maintenance Group. Out of nearly 1200 Airmen in the group, only 18 were selected as primary and alternate members of the 62nd MXG Rodeo team. The Rodeo team’s leadership scrutinized all aspects of their performance history, including quality assurance evaluations and physical fitness scores.

“Professionally, they just stand out. They have

a high reputation, they do the right things, they know what they need to do, and they don’t have to be told that,” said Master Sgt. Ben Cruz, non-commissioned officer-in-charge of the 62nd MXG Rodeo team.

He’s helping to lead the team to excel in Rodeo’s maintenance competitions, which includes preflight inspections, post-flight/home station inspections,

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Reduce, reuse, recycle



Eva Carmona, a regular visitor to McChord's recycling center, places paper products into one of several containers located in the center's parking lot, Monday.



What to bring

The following items are recyclable at McChord's recycling center:

- Electronics and computers
- Paper
- Glass
- Aluminum
- Shoes and clothing
- Phone books
- Household appliances (washing machines, dryers, ovens, etc.)
- Gas and oil-free yard equipment
- Cell phones
- Toner and ink jet cartridges
- Pallets
- Compact discs, DVDs and floppy diskettes
- Five-gallon buckets

For more information, call the recycling center at 982-3451.



Curtis Carlisle empties a container filled with metal bands into a large container Monday at the recycling center.



Mr. Carlisle inventories and readies pallets of computer monitors for future transport Monday at the recycling center warehouse.

Base recycling center helps Airmen stay eco-friendly

By
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Staff writer

As the conveyor belt dumps pieces of cardboard down a long chute into the heart of the bright-blue baler, the 30-horsepower electric motor springs to life and prepares the giant hydraulic press to transform the individual pieces into tightly compressed and neatly tied 1,600-pound bales.

After the bales are spit out, a forklift transports them across the yard to a warehouse where they are housed with other bales of mixed paper, shrink-wrap and used clothing before they are shipped out.

The process is a snapshot of daily life at McChord's recycling center. Each day employees at the center gather, sort and package everyday items like milk cartons, glass bottles and aluminum cans to bulky items like electronics, computers, washers and dryers. The center also has several containers used to store large amounts of

yard waste until it can be composted.

A contracted company takes care of the center's day-to-day operations, including picking up all of the recycling bags and containers from the many on-base locations, as well as the commissary and curbside pickup in base housing.

"Very few bases have the kind of facility that we have," said environmental flight chief Mike Grenko, 62nd CES.

What McChord does have is a top-notch facility that saved the base nearly \$430,000 in refuse disposal costs during the 2006 fiscal year. The recycling center was able to divert nearly 65 percent of the base's solid waste from going to the landfill, well above the Department of Defense's goal of 45 percent and Air Mobility Command's goal of 60 percent for installations.

Since the environmental flight has been able to maintain continuity within its ranks, it has been able to steadily improve operations at the center, keeping track of all of the recycling participation rates in base housing and recording all of the recycling proceeds, Mr. Grenko said.

Those improvements included doubling the amount of bins accepting recyclable items in front of the center, adding to the number of cardboard trailers around the base and opening the scope of items that the center accepts, said quality assurance manager Doug Skitch, 62nd CES.

"You have to make it convenient, easy and quick for people to participate when it comes to recycling," Mr. Skitch said.

"You're seeing all kinds of piles of yard debris disappearing from all over the base because we can compost it," Mr. Grenko said.

The staff goes to great lengths to find new materials that can be recycled — even if it means going dumpster diving, Mr. Skitch said.

By expanding the scope of materials that the center accepts, producing and distributing a steady stream of informational brochures about the center and touting the environmental benefits of recycling, Mr. Grenko said he hopes to drive the waste-diversion rate up even higher, while continuing to execute a meaningful mission and maintain an environment sustainability program.



Darryl Slack sorts through recyclable corrugated boxes and places them on a conveyor belt to be compacted and moved to the warehouse-staging area, Monday.

4th,728th AS blow away rivals to win title

By
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The 4th and 728th Airlift Squadron intramural soccer team took advantage of a tired 62nd Maintenance Squadron team, scoring four second-half goals to break open a tight contest and coast to a 5-1 win in the intramural soccer championship game June 15 at Rainier Field.

After playing back-to-back games the day before, MXS tried its best to put forth a solid effort right out of the gate to get on the board first.

But the 4th and 728th AS defense and goalie Will Dabney put a quick end to that effort.

Dabney made a couple of diving saves early, and the defense stuck to the MXS forwards like glue. The physical play of the game took a toll on MXS as forwards Frank Cazares and Alexander Rojas were each victims of brutal collisions.

Cazares was slow to get up after the impact, and Rojas left with just under 10 minutes in the first half after reaggravating a knee injury. He did not return.

"We knew they had to play two games [on June 14] to get to this point, so we knew they were going to be tired," 4th and 728th AS coach Andy Dolan said. "We figured if we could make it through that initial onslaught they gave us at the beginning, that we'd be okay in the second half."

A goal late in the first half heightened that feeling of security even more for the 4th and 728th AS. With just under a minute left in the half, John Wimberley scored from point-blank range after being set up by a brilliant free kick from Erik Carlson.

"I knew that because it was double elimination they were definitely going to push to win the first game and see what happens in the second, so we kind of started a little slow on purpose," Dolan said. "But that goal right before half time really lifted our spirits."

The 4th and 728th AS capitalized on their momentum right away in the second half.

Carlson caught MXS goalie Al McCall off-guard by letting loose with a booming shot from about 30 yards out. Before McCall even got a read on the ball, it was in the back of the net.

"I just saw a wide-open shot and decided to go for it," Carlson said. "I saw the goalie at the far post and took it near, and it worked out."

From there on out it was all the 4th and 728th AS. Dolan scored off a rebound just seven



Photo by Abner Guzman

Members of the 4th and 728th Airlift Squadron intramural soccer team celebrate following a 5-1 victory over the 62nd Maintenance Squadron in the intramural soccer championship game June 15 at Rainier Field.

minutes later and Joe McCane and Wyn Elder added goals to wrap up the championship. After posing for a handful of pictures with the championship trophy, excited fellow squadron members stormed the field, popped the corks and hosed down the 4th and 728th AS players with champagne.

"It's just been the fact that we have a lot of good players, so even if guys are out flying we always have a good core of people around to all the games giving us that consistency throughout

the season," an ecstatic Dolan said.

MXS' Rojas, sporting a large bag of ice wrapped tightly around his knee, said his team was indeed tired but gave credit to the champs.

"We had a lot of injuries and that hurt us," he said. "We came all the way from the loser's bracket to get second place, so we're happy. The 4th and 728th deserve it. They really do. They have a great team."

The 4th and 728th AS finished the season 14-1 while MXS finished 13-3.

Phillies select academy cadet in 15th round of MLB draft



Photo by Mike Kaplan

Karl Bolt, then a senior cadet at the U.S. Air Force Academy, connects on the first of his two home runs during a game March 22 against San Diego State. Recently graduated from the academy, Bolt was selected by the Philadelphia Phillies in the 15th round of the 2007 Major League Baseball Amateur Draft.

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — Recently graduated Air Force first baseman and outfielder Karl Bolt was recently selected by the Philadelphia Phillies in the 15th round of the 2007 Major League Baseball Amateur Draft. Bolt is the second Air Force Academy baseball player ever drafted in the 51-year history of the program.

A four-year letter winner, Bolt was the 473rd selection in the draft. He joins Mike Thiessen as one of the lone two Falcons ever to be drafted. Thiessen went in the 42nd round to the Arizona Diamondbacks in the 2001 draft.

As a senior, Bolt led the Falcons in hitting (.349), hits (68), home runs (8), doubles (16), runs (34) and RBI (47). A first-team all-Mountain West Conference selection, Bolt also was selected as the team MVP for the second-consecutive season.

"It has been a dream of mine since I was a little kid to play pro baseball," Bolt said, "And to get the chance to fulfill my dream is

incredible. I am really excited about this opportunity, but first and foremost, I look forward to my first assignment at Robins Air Force Base, Ga., as a logistics readiness officer.

"I fully intend to fulfill my commitment to the Air Force and look forward to serving my country. If somewhere down the road, there is an opportunity to play professional baseball, I would certainly look into it," he said. "I also cannot thank Air Force Academy superintendent General Regni and athletic director Dr. Mueh enough for their guidance and support in this process."

A native of Stockton, Calif., and a product of Lincoln High School, Bolt left his mark at the academy, ranking amongst the top 10 all-time in several categories. A career .334 hitter, Bolt ranks fourth all-time in hits (232) and games played (200), seventh in home runs (33) and eighth in RBI (148). He also ranks fourth in walks (93) and hit by pitches (35) and fifth in total bases (390) and seventh in doubles (47).

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fuel-servicing operations and daily operations such as launch and recovery.

Sergeant Cruz, who also competed in Rodeo 2000, is driving his team to be flawless.

“Rodeo is our everyday job just heightened ... the microscope is magnified 100 times,” said the 20-year veteran. “It can be as little as a pebble in the cargo department for [foreign object debris] to a fray in the seatbelt.”

To this end of attaining perfection, the maintenance Rodeo team members spend much of their 12-hour days continuously going over the inspections they’ll be graded on. They check each other’s work and also get assistance from the group’s quality assurance experts when they inspect the team’s performance, said Rodeo competitor Tech. Sgt. Ronald Robinette.

However, all of the team’s finely-tuned technical expertise needed to be matched by a top-notch aircraft, so potential aircraft went through “auditions” to be a part of the competition. The 62nd MXG Rodeo team scoured McChord’s inventory of 50 C-17 Globemaster IIIs to find the most reliable jet, and since they found it, they won’t let it out of their sight — on the five missions it’s gone on in the past two months someone from the Rodeo team has gone with it.

And in the same way that their jet, a 2003 model, stays air-worthy through routine flying and maintenance, the Rodeo team members must maintain their physical fitness as well.

The team pulls 35-pound tires, lifts



Members of the 62nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Rodeo team, from left, 1st Lt. John Barry, Tech. Sgt. Ronald Garbarini and Staff Sgt. Zachary Hoene scan the flightline for foreign debris during a post flight inspection on June 12.

weights and runs ‘suicide sprints’ five days a week, said Staff Sgt. T.J. Grover.

The team works out for physical fitness and to be physically intimidating to other teams.

“I want us all standing out there and just looking big, bad and ugly,” said 1st Lt. John Barry, officer in charge of the 62nd MXG Rodeo team.

Whether the key is awing their opponents or just being better at their jobs, the 62nd MXG Rodeo team plans to win.

“I have no doubt in my mind that we will take the trophy home,” Lieutenant Barry said.

62nd MXG Rodeo competitors

1st Lt. John Barry	Staff Sgt. Derrick Taylor
Master Sgt. Ben Cruz	Staff Sgt. Robert Veitz
Tech Sgt. Ronald Garbarini	Senior Airman Zachary Conat
Tech. Sgt. Ronald Robinette	Senior Airman Karl Espinda
Tech. Sgt. Carey Yamaguchi	Senior Airman T.J. Grover
Staff Sgt. Zachary Hoene	Senior Airman Gary Hix
Staff Sgt. Jeffery Konicek	Senior Airman James Moenning
Staff Sgt. Shad Simms	Senior Airman Justin Quinn
Staff Sgt. Jeddiah Smith	Senior Airman Lowell Williams



1st WS change of command

Lt. Col. Mark LaJoie will assume command of the 1st Weather Squadron from Lt. Col. Bruce Lambert at 10 a.m. today in Bldg. 3077 on Fort Lewis. For more information, call Capt. David Huston at 967-1657.

Contemporary worship leader

The base's chapel services program is looking for a worship leader for its contemporary Protestant service. The person chosen for the job will serve as the primary musician accompanying and leading the praise team. This chapel tithes and offerings fund non-personal service contract is available for bids until today. Interviews will be scheduled prior to the opening of bids at 9 a.m. Monday at the chapel support center. Statements of work, bid schedule and basis for award are available at the chapel support center. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Brad Turner or Staff Sgt. Doug Witham at 982-5556.

Caribbean Heritage Month

A celebration in honor of Caribbean Heritage Month will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at McChord's Clubs and Community Center. For more information, call 967-3622 or 967-5012.

Vacation Bible school

Vacation Bible school will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday to June 29 at the chapel support center. For more information or to register, call the chapel support center at 982-5556.

Red Cross summer program

There will be an orientation for the American Red Cross' summer youth program from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at Madigan Army Medical Center. For more information, call McChord's American Red Cross center at 982-0341 or youth coordinator Trixie Stewart at 968-1055.

Retirement ceremony

Master Sgt. Ron Kellar, 62nd Mission Support Group, will retire at 10 a.m. June 29 at McChord's Clubs and Community Center. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Hayward Dunn at 982-6130.

Magic show

In conjunction with its "Celebrate the 4th of July Sale," the base commissary will feature performances by comedian/magician Devin Reynolds from noon to 3 p.m. and local radio station KISW from 2 to 4 p.m. on July 4.

Logistics Scholarships

The Rainier Chapter of the Logistics Officers Association will award two \$500 scholarships to professional logisticians seeking commissions or advancement in logistics-related career fields. For more information, call Maj. Alesia Quiton at 982-7321 or 1st Lt. Emily Barry at 982-5344.

Career fair

The Fort Lewis Army Career and Alumni Program will host their annual employment fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 20 at the American Lake Community Center on Fort Lewis. For more information, visit <http://www.lewis.army.mil/acap> or call 967-3258.

Retirement Seminar

The civilian personnel flight is sponsoring a retirement seminar for the Civil Service Retirement System from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 31 to Aug. 1 at McChord's Clubs and Community Center. For more information, call Michele Ehlert at 982-5023.

Leave donation request

The civilian personnel flight has received requests to solicit annual leave donations for John Branski, Jill Miller and Anita Barnes. To donate leave, complete Office of Personnel Management Form 630A and submit it to 62 MSS/DPCG, ATTN: Michele Ehlert.



Faith and Worship Programs

**For more information,
call the chapel support center at 982-5556.**

Schedule of worship services

Catholic Services:

All Catholic services are in chapel two.

Saturday: 4 p.m. Confession

5 p.m. Mass

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Mass

11 a.m. Mass

Protestant Services:

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Liturgical worship: Chapel one

9:45 a.m. Sunday school for all ages at the chapel support center

11 a.m. Traditional worship: Chapel one

11 a.m. Contemporary service: Chapel support center

Jewish Services:

Friday: 6 p.m. Fort Lewis chapel every 1st, 3rd and 5th at the corner of 12th Street and Liggett Avenue 966-8949

Orthodox Activities:

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy, St. Nicholas Church, 15th Street and Yakima Avenue, Tacoma

Other services:

Orthodox Christian Community, Cascade Chapel, Fort Lewis

Sundays: 8:45 a.m. Pre-Communion prayers

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Confession is by appointment only. Call Father John Anderson at 967-1717 or 906-6843 or e-mail father.anderson@us.army.mil.

